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SUBJECT: INITIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY NEW MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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1. FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE INITIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE MILITARY TRIUMVIRATE UPON ITS ASSUMPTION OF POWER EARLY ON THE MORNING OF JAN. 11.

2. COMMUNIQUE

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, GENERAL OF DIVISION GUILLERMO A. RODRIGUEZ LARA, HAS RETURNED THE POWERS THAT WERE CONFERRED UPON HIM TO THE ARMED FORCES. BY DECISION OF THE ARMED FORCES, THROUGH OUR COMMANDS AND THE COMMANDING GENERALS OF THE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE, WE ASSUME THE POWERS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE EXERCISE OF SUCH HIGH FUNCTIONS, WE DECLARE:

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FIRST. THAT THE DISCIPLINE AND ORDER OF THE REPUBLIC BE MAINTAINED IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE NORMAL DEVELOPMENT OF CITIZENS ACTIVITIES IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF PEACE AND MUTUAL RESPECT;

SECOND. THAT THE ACTION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT BE DYNAMIC IN THE EXECUTION OF ITS PUBLIC DUTIES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES ESTABLISHED IN THE PHILOSOPHY AND PLAN OF ACTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES; AND

THIRD. THAT THE PLAN TO RE-ESTABLISH A CONSTITUTIONAL REGIME WILL BE CARRIED OUT, WHICH WILL RESULT IN THE HANDING OVER OF POWER AT THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

WE CALL ON ALL OUR FELLOW-CITIZENS TO PUT ASIDE THEIR PERSONAL INTERESTS, THAT WE UNITE OUR EFFORTS TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOALS WE HAVE PROPOSED, WHICH ARE AIMED AT PEACE AND HARMONY AMONG ECUADOREANS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSURING THE FUTURE AND WELFARE OF THE COUNTRY.

SIGNED: ALFREDO POVEDA BURBANO, VICE-ADMIRAL, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE NAVY, PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT; GUILLERMO DURAN ARCENTALES, BRIGADIER GENERAL, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ARMY, MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT; LUIS LEORO FRANCO, BRIGADIER GENERAL, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE, MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT.
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